

ROUTING			
TO:	NAME AND ADDRESS	DATE	INITIALS
1	ARCHIVES		
2			
3			
4			
	ACTION	DIRECT REPLY	PREPARE REPLY
	APPROVAL	DISPATCH	RECOMMENDATION
	COMMENT	FILE	RETURN
	CONCURRENCE	INFORMATION	SIGNATURE
REMARKS:			
FROM: NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NO.			DATE
NPIC/IEG/EA7D/57B			9 NOV 1983

~~SECRET~~


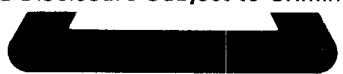
(Security Classification)

NOFORN

25X1

(See inside cover)

CONTROL NO. 2-14063/83COPY 29 OF                     

  
**Warning Notice**  
 Intelligence Sources or Methods Involved  
**NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION**  
 Unauthorized Disclosure Subject to Criminal Sanctions  


~~SECRET~~

(Security Classification)

**Warning Notice**  
**Intelligence Sources or Methods Involved**  
**(WNINTEL) or (D)**

**NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION**  
**Unauthorized Disclosure Subject to Criminal Sanctions**

**DISSEMINATION CONTROL ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>NOFORN-</b>	<b>Not Releasable to Foreign Nationals</b>
<b>NOCONTRACT-</b>	<b>Not Releasable to Contractors or Contractor/Consultants</b>
<b>PROPIN-</b>	<b>Caution-Proprietary Information Involved</b>
<b>ORCON-</b>	<b>Dissemination and Extraction of Information Controlled by Originator</b>
<b>REL ...</b>	<b>This Information has been Authorized for Release to ...</b>

**Page Denied**

**SECRET**

25X1

## (c) NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

Page 1 of 1

Attachment to

Z-14063/83

NPIC/IEG (11/83)

Copy \_\_\_\_\_

9 NOVEMBER 1983

PREPARATIONS FOR MAJOR SALVAGE OPERATION  
YALUNG NAVAL BASE, CHINA (SWN)

25X1

1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE CHINESE ARE PREPARING FOR A MAJOR SALVAGE EFFORT OF THE GLOMAR JAVA SEA DRILLING SHIP WHICH WENT DOWN IN THE GULF OF TONKIN. (SWN)
2. REMARKS: AN UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF SALVAGE AND RESCUE VESSELS HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED EITHER OFFSHORE OR AT THE QUAY. THE VESSELS PRESENT INCLUDED TWO RIGA-CLASS FRIGATES (FF), BOTH KAN CHA SUBMERSIBLE SUPPORT VESSELS, THE XYH-21 OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH SHIP (AGOR), THE DALANG SUBMARINE RESCUE SHIP (ASR), A TUZHONG OCEAN TUG (ATA), AND A CIVILIAN OILER. THESE VESSELS REPRESENT ALL OF THE MAJOR SALVAGE CAPABILITY IN THE SOUTH SEA FLEET, AND PROVIDE THE NECESSARY CAPABILITIES TO CONDUCT A SALVAGE OPERATION OF THE GLOMAR JAVA SEA. EACH OF THE KAN CHA VESSELS NORMALLY CARRIES THE FRENCH-BUILT SN-358-2 SUBMERSIBLE, ONE OF WHICH IS PARTLY VISIBLE ON ONE OF THE SHIPS. THE SN-358-2 SUBMERSIBLE IS EQUIPPED WITH EXTERNAL MANIPULATOR ARMS CAPABLE OF ATTACHING CABLES OR LINES TO A SUBMERGED VESSEL. THE TUZHONG ATR AND THE DALANG ASR HAVE AT LEAST SEVEN SPOOLS OF CABLE OR LINE ON DECK WHICH WOULD BE USED DURING THE OPERATION. (SWN)

THE GLOMAR JAVA SEA, A U.S. REGISTERED OIL DRILLING SHIP UNDER LEASE TO CHINA, REPORTEDLY SANK IN THE GULF OF TONKIN DURING A TYPHOON ON 27 OCTOBER. THE CHINESE HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS SINCE THAT TIME IN THE WATERS OFF HAINAN ISLAND. THE ASSEMBLY OF THE VESSELS INDICATES A HIGH-LEVEL CHINESE INTEREST IN SALVAGING THE GLOMAR JAVA SEA. (SWN)

25X1

3.  COORDINATES 18-15-09N 109-41-44E (S)

25X1

These notes have been prepared for briefing purposes only and should not be used for detailed analytical work. Their use should be restricted to the particular briefing board(s) they were prepared for and must be considered valid only for the reporting period as indicated by the date of issue.

25X1

WARNING NOTICE  
INTELLIGENCE SOURCES  
OR METHODS INVOLVED

**SECRET**

25X1